

What To Do If You Find A Potentially Hazardous Site

- Carefully back out of the site and do not touch anything
- Never move, open, or touch suspicious containers or bags
- Contact the onsite BLM representative and give them as much information as you can
- Inform other volunteers, and keep them out of the area
- If you can smell a chemical odor, move to an area that is not downwind or downslope of the site



Upon closer inspection by HAZMAT experts, hazardous evidence was discovered.

Reporting

- If you find a suspicious site: the onsite BLM representative should contact the Salem District Hazardous Materials Coordinator and District Law Enforcement through Dispatch at **(503) 375-5692**.
- Provide the location, time and date of discovery, and whether anyone was potentially exposed.
- Only if it is possible from a safe location, try to determine the number and types of containers, and container markings.
- Consult the district *Hazardous Materials Incident Contingency Plan* for more information.

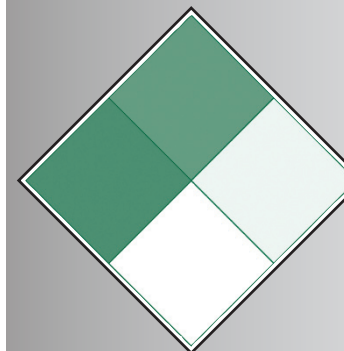


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HAZMAT experts investigate a reported site.

Hazardous Waste Orientation for BLM Volunteers



◆	HEALTH
◆	FLAMMABILITY
◇	REACTIVITY
◇	PPE

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Background

The number of illegal drug lab and industrial waste dumps discovered on federal lands are increasing every year.

BLM's goal is to educate and to reduce your potential for exposure to hazardous chemicals. We appreciate your volunteer efforts and want to protect you from unsafe environments.



Abandoned dynamite is a very hazardous discovery.

A typical 55 gallon barrel could be hazardous.



Indicators Of A Potential Hazard

Be aware of what you are picking up, and what is on the ground around you. The list below contains a few indicators of a potentially hazardous site:

- *Labware or other non-household glassware*
- *Chemical bottles*
- *Chemical bags, boxes, or cans*
- *Engine starting fluid in aerosol cans*
- *Drain cleaner (Draino, Liquid Plumber, lye)*
- *White 1-gallon milk jugs that are not empty*
- *Barrels or drums (metal or plastic)*
- *5-gallon buckets that are not empty*
- *Propane cylinders*
- *Hypodermic needles*
- *Chemical odors*
- *Dead animals or vegetation around a dumpsite*



Gallon size containers with fluid often contain hazardous liquids.

A HAZMAT expert removes material.



5 gallon containers with fluids should be considered hazardous.

